

On July 2, 1972 Iceland issued a stamp (Scott: 442) to commemorate the World Chess Championship in Reykjavik between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky. The issue date of the stamp was intended to coincide with the start of the match, but the match did not start until July 11. Its value was 15 Krona. They also issued a First Day Cover (FDC) on July 2, but the match did not start until July 11. Niger and Mali also issued stamps to commemorate this event.



On September 18, 1972 Yugoslavia issued two stamps (Scott: 1114-1115) to commemorate the 20th Men's Chess Olympiad and 5th Women's Chess Olympiad in Skopje. They feature a pawn and chessboard, and a chessboard with king and queen emblems.



On September 25, 1972 Tunisia issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 20th Chess Olympiad in Skopje.



On October 5, 1972 Germany issued 4 stamps (Scott: B491-B494) that featured porcelain chess pieces made by Faience Works (Gien, France) in the 19th century. A knight, a rook, a queen and a king are the depicted pieces. The actual chess pieces are in Hamburg Museum. The stamp with the knight forgot to add the word “deutsche” in some of the issued stamps.



On October 17, 1972 Iran issued a chess stamp to commemorate the Olympic Games in Munich.



In 1973, six airmail stamps depicting chess were issued by Fujeira, United Arab Emirates (UAE).



On February 16, 1973 Niger issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 1972 World Championship match in Reykjavik.





On February 19, 1973 Mali issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 1972 World Championship match in Reykjavik.

On March 5, 1973 Lebanon issued a series of stamps associated with textiles. One stamp has a chess board in the upper right hand corner.



On May 9, 1973 Czechoslovakia issued a chess stamp that had a picture from *The Game and Playe of Chesse* by Caxton. (Michel 2141/2)



On August 4, 1973 Indonesia issued a chess stamp depicting a knight.



On October 12, 1973 the Dominican Republic issued a chess stamp.

On November 13, 1973, the Netherlands issued a stamp (25 + 15 cent value) depicting a two-dimensional chess board with red and yellow squares. (Michel 1019)



On March 25, 1974 the Republic of Mali issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice.



On June 3, 1974 Niger issued two chess stamps to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice.



On June 8, 1974 France issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice.



On June 14, 1974 the Republic of Dahomey issued two chess stamps to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice. They depicted a Persian Bishop and a Siamese Queen.





On June 18, 1974 Hungary issued 7 stamps (Scott: 2289-2295) to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice and the 50th anniversary of FIDE. The 40 filler stamp depicts chess players from the Alfonso manuscript in the 13th century. The 60 filler stamp depicts chess players from a woodcut in Caxton's book. The 80 filler stamp depicts a royal chess party from Antonio Miscomini's book of the 15th century. The 1.2 forints stamp depicts chess players from engravings by Selenus. The 2 forints stamp depicts "The Turk" playing chess. The 4 forints stamp depicts Geza Maroczy (1870-1951). The 6 forints stamp depicts a view of Nice, France and the 1974 chess Olympiad emblem.



On July 15, 1974 Poland issued two chess stamps to commemorate the International Chess Festival in Lubin. They depict players and a chessboard.



On October 14, 1974 El Salvador issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 12th Tournament for Central America and the Caribbean.

On November 3, 1974 Cameroon issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 21st Chess Olympiad in Nice.

On November 23, 1974 Syria issued two chess stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of FIDE.



On June 17, 1975 Israel issued a chess stamp depicting a family playing chess, from a painting by Moritz Oppenheim.

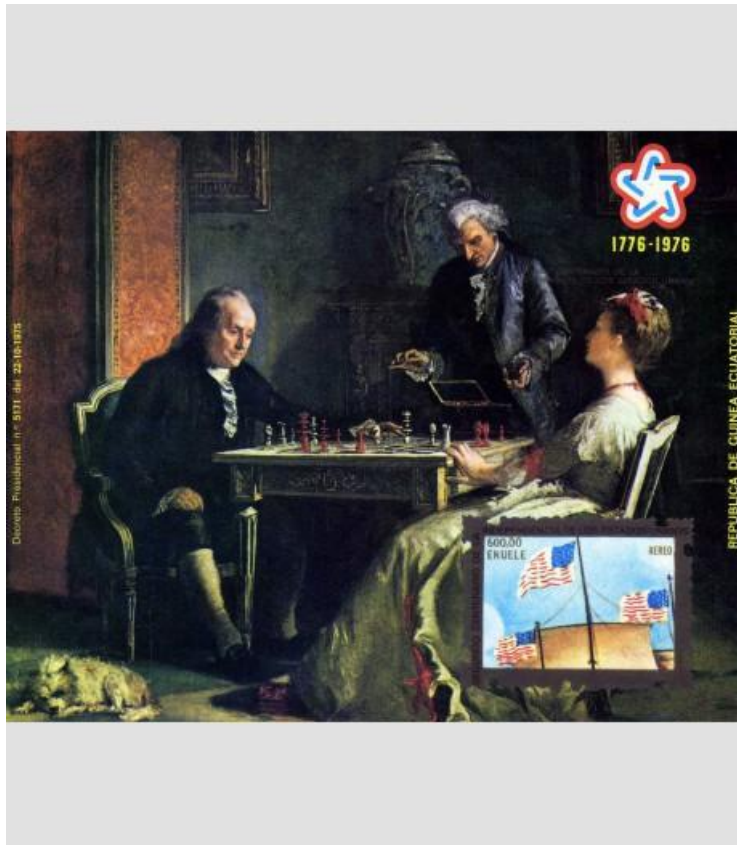




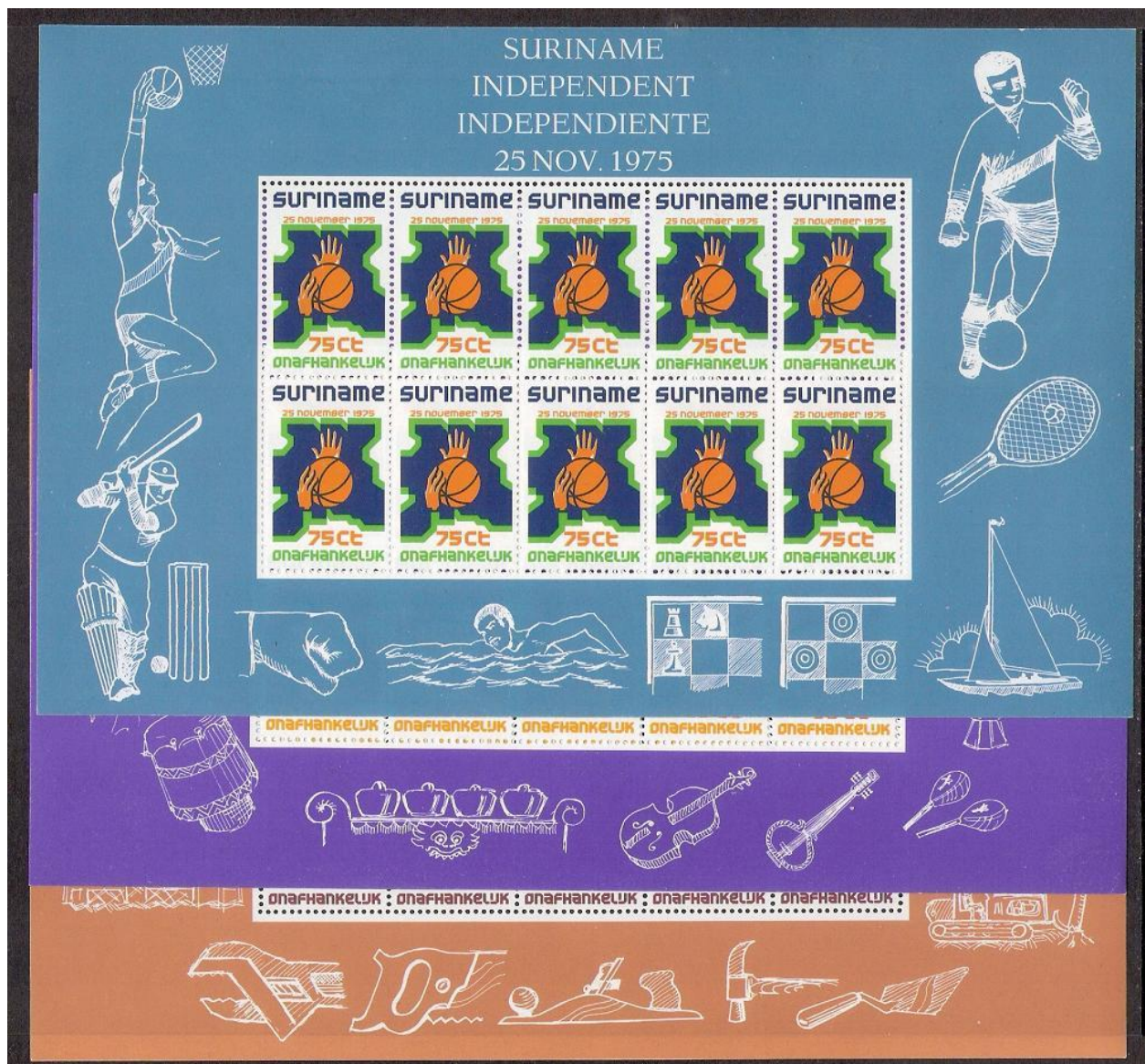
On September 11, 1975, Ecuador issued a chess stamp depicting chess pieces.



On October 22, 1975 Equatorial Guinea issued a chess stamp depicting Benjamin Franklin playing chess.



On November 25, 1975, Suriname issued an Independence stamp series. It had a partial chess board in the selvage



On January 1, 1976, Nicaragua issued 11 stamps (Scott: 1004-1011, C891-C893) and 2 souvenir sheets, all related to chess. The 1c stamp depicts a painting called "The Chess Players" by Carracci. The 2c (centavos) stamp depicts a painting called "Arabs Playing Chess" by Delacroix. The 3c stamp depicts a painting called "Cardinals Playing Chess" by Marais-Milton. The 4c stamp depicts a painting called "Duke Albrecht Playing Chess" by Muelich. The 5c stamp depicts a chess poem by Firdausi. The 10c stamp depicts the origins of chess from India. The 15c stamp depicts a painting called "Napoleon vs The Turk" by Uniechowski. The 20c stamp depicts a painting called "Game of Chess at the Palias Voss" by Hummel. The 40c stamp depicts a painting called "The Chess Players" by Eakins. The 2C (Cordobas) stamp depicts a photograph of Fischer and Spassky by Chester Fox. The 5C stamp depicts a painting called "Ben Johnson and William



Shakespeare at Chess" by Karel Van Mander. The souvenir sheet bears the quotation, "The king's a begger, now the play is done," from Shakespeare's play, "All's Well the Ends Well."



On March 15, 1976 Cuba issued 5 stamps with pictures of Ruy Lopez, Philidor, Steinitz, Lasker, and Capablanca.



On May 1, 1976 Staffa, a Scottish island of the Inner Hebrides, issued eight stamps depicting Boy Scouts and chess. A souvenir sheet was also issued.



In May 1976, two souvenir sheets were issued by the Netherlands commemorating Max Euwe's 75th birthday (born on May 20, 1901). The sheets contain two "stamps" in conjunction with an overall design of a chessboard and pieces. The sheets have no postal validity.



On September 29, 1976 Great Britain issued four stamps to honor William Caxton on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of publishing in England, beginning in 1476. One of the stamps (Scott: 796) shows a Caxton woodcut of a chess player from the second edition of his 1483 book *The Game and Playe of Chesse*. According to the British Library, the figure on the stamp is that of an eastern philosopher who loved justice. The value of the stamp was 11 pence. On some of the stamps, a mistake was printed, shifting the head of the queen towards the center of the stamp. The stamp was designed by Richard Gay and printed by Harrison & Sons.



On September 29, 1976 Suriname issued a chess stamp with a chess painting.



On October 19, 1976 Israel issued two chess stamps to commemorate the 22nd Chess Olympiad in Haifa.

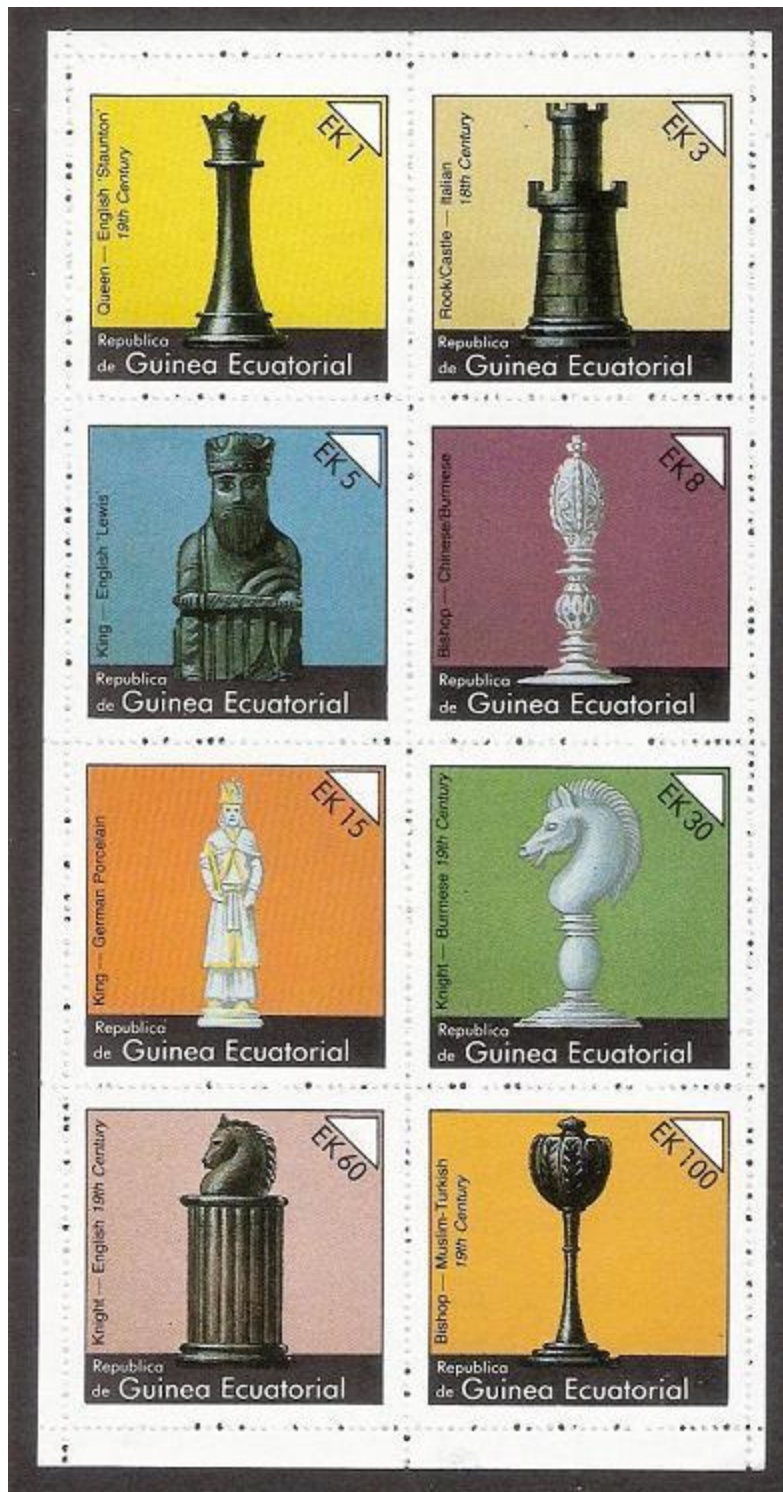




On October 24, 1976 Libya issued a chess stamp to commemorate the Arab Olympiad held in Tripoli.



In 1976, Equatorial Guinea issued a series of stamps showing ancient chess pieces.



In 1976, USSR issued a series of stamps on flowers, including one called the chess flower on the 6 kopek stamp.



On February 25, 1977 the USSR issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 6th European Team Championship in Moscow, from April 13-23, 1977. A Queen and Knights are the depicted chess pieces.





On June 27, 1977 Mali issued three chess stamps to commemorate the 22nd Chess Olympiad in Haifa.



On October 20, 1977 El Salvador issued 2 chess stamps to commemorate their victory at the 1976 Arab Olympiad in Tripoli, played from October 24 to November 15, 1976.

In 1977, Indonesia issued sports festival stamps. (Michel 874/6)



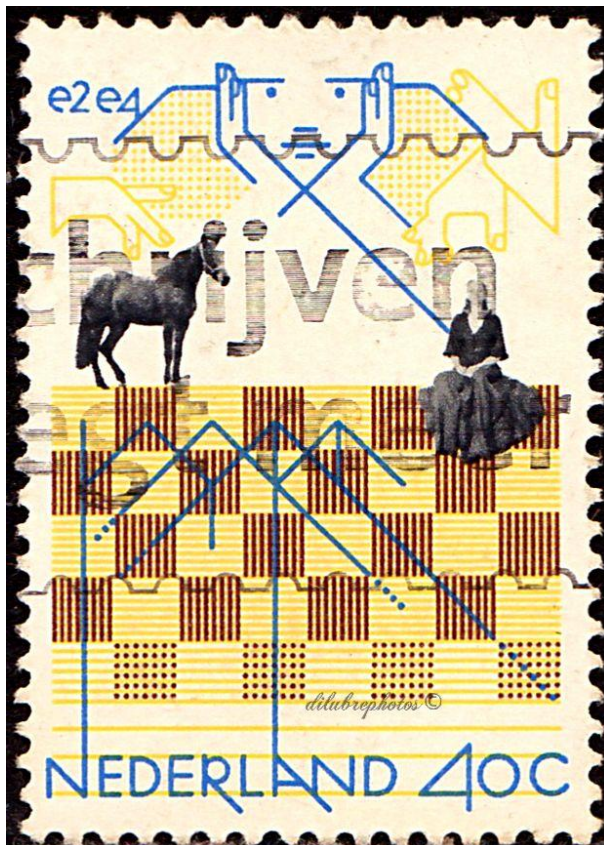
On January 2, 1978 Lebanon issued a stamp with a chess board depicted in the background.



On January 23, 1978, Paraguay issued a set of 8 stamps to commemorate the Chess Olympiad in Argentina. The 1g (guarini) stamp depicts a painting called "The Chess Players" by Cremona. The 2g stamp depicts a painting called "The Messengers Game" by van Leyden. The 3g stamp depicts a painting called "Duke Albert of Bavaria playing chess with his wife" by Muelich. The 4g stamp features an Arabian sheik playing against a Christian opponent. The 5g stamp depicts a painting called "Lady Howe beats Benjamin Franklin" by Edward May. The 10g stamp depicts a painting called "The Chess Game" by Cruickshank. The 15g stamp depicts two chess players on a 17th century tapestry. The 20g stamp depicts a lithograph called "Napoleon Playing Chess" by Lailot.

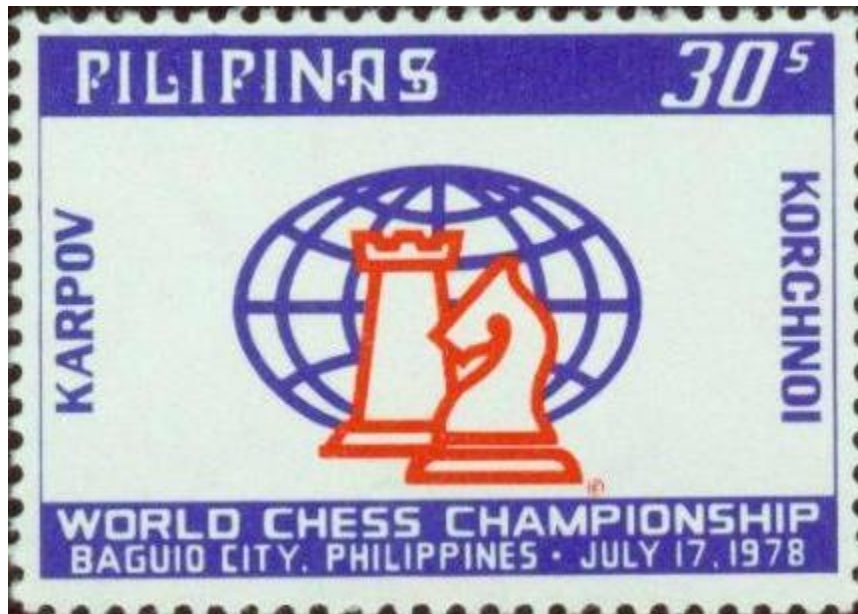


On June 1, 1978 the Netherlands issued a chess stamp to commemorate the 18th International IBM chess tournament. It depicts a horse and a woman on a chessboard.





On July 17, 1978 the Philippines issued 2 chess stamps to commemorate the World Championship match between Karpov and Korchnoi in Baguio City.



On August 20, 1978 Mexico issued 2 chess stamps to commemorate the World Students' Team Championships.



On October 7, 1978, Argentina issued one stamp (Scott: 1200) to commemorate the 23rd Chess Olympiad in Buenos Aires. The stamp was designed by Eduardo Miliavaca and printed by the State Mint. The value of the stamp was 200 pesos.



On October 31, 1978 Israel issued a chess stamp depicting a Persian rook.

In 1978, Israel issued stamps of Islamic art (Michel 776/8). One depicted an Islamic chess piece.



In 1978, Czechoslovakia issued a stamp depicting a ceramic chess piece.



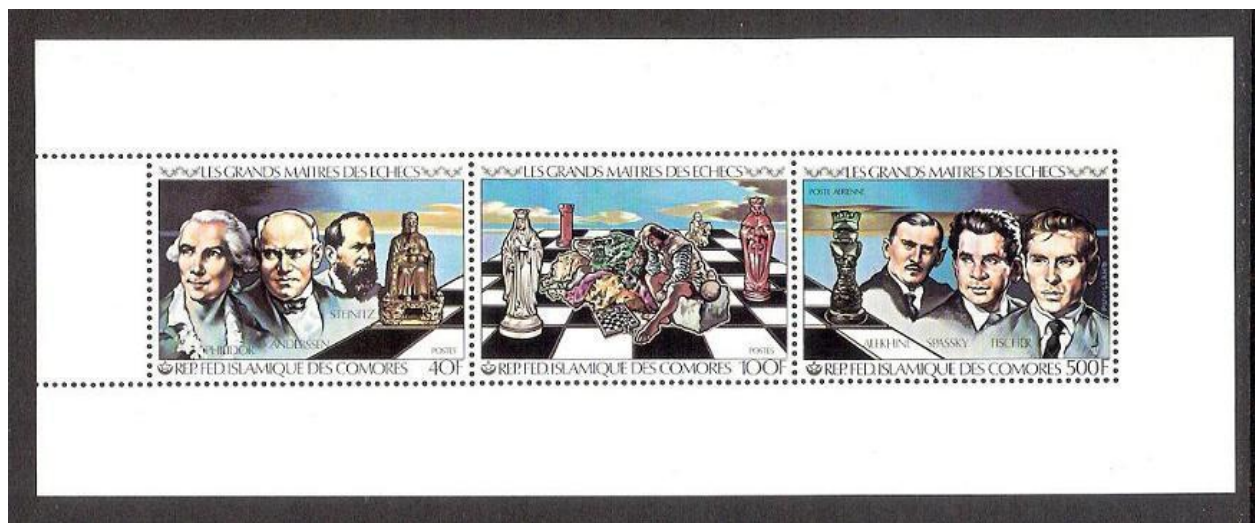
In 1979, COSSU (Chess on Stamp Study Unit) was established.

On January 15, 1979 Guinea-Bissau issued a chess stamp of children playing chess. The chess board is set up wrong.





On February 19, 1979 Comores issued three stamps depicting chess and chess champions.



On April 29, 1979 Uruguay issued a stamp to commemorate the 23rd Chess Olympiad in Buenos Aires.



On May 12, 1979 Hungary (Magyar) issued a chess stamp (3 forint value) to commemorate the 23rd Chess Olympiad in Buenos Aires in 1978 and Hungary's victory (they last won in 1928). Pictured on the stamp are a few chess pieces and a board, the golden Olympic cup, the 5-ring Olympic emblem, with the flag of Argentina as well as the Hungarian tricolor. The stamp was designed by Szabolcs Zsitva.



On October 29, 1979 Hungary issued a stamp depicting a painting by Victor Vasarely. It is a painting of a chess board. (Scott 2609) (Michel 3382)



On November 30, 1979 the Republic of Mali issued chess stamps to depict four great chess masters. The masters were Alekhine, Bogoljubow, Janowski, and Wili Schlage.





In 1979, Guinea- Bissau issued a series of stamps of Rowland Hill (1795-1879). There is a chess piece

